

ABSTRACT

Television speech is provided in a desired language using closed caption data already present in a received television signal. The closed caption data, which is representative of words, is extracted from the television signal. The closed caption data is then processed in a speech synthesizer to provide said words as speech in a desired language. The closed caption data can be translated from a first language to a second language prior to or concurrently with conversion to speech. Alternatively, the closed caption data can be carried in various languages in the television signal, and the data in the desired language can be selected for extraction from the television signal and conversion to speech.

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